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Wednesday, 27 August 1952

1. At the Deputies' meeting Mr. Dulles and I reported on our meeting at the Department of Justice and the Director approved the positions there taken.

2. At the Deputies' meeting I showed the DCI the letter received from Gen. Shepherd, Commandant of the Marine Corps, respecting paragraph 2 of Special Estimate No. 28 and, in accordance with his instructions, drafted a reply which was cleared with Sherman Kent.

5. Attended special meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Scientific and Technical Intelligence. I reviewed with the Committee the testimony which we had heard respecting the Medical Working Group. In substance, everyone had indicated satisfaction with the way this organization was operating. At the time when the "Working Committee" concept had been dropped, CIA had plainly indicated its position that so-called "working conferences" would continue to operate in any manner best suited to accomplish the objectives they had in mind. It was consistent with this position that a working conference could be organized formally and could be identical in all but name with a working subcommittee of the SIC. Nevertheless, the Service Representatives on the Medical Group had expressed some concern as to whether they could attend the meetings or continue with the Group's work, unless there was a formal committee organization. The Service Representatives disclaimed any such position on their part and indicated that their Representatives were entirely satisfied to organize a formal working conference and proceed under the SEC. They agreed with me that it would be undesirable to have the working committee re-created parallel to JAEIC. With respect to a question raised as to whether this Medical Working Conference would be self-created, it was pointed out that SEC had been given the function of fostering such conferences and therefore was fully capable, with IAC approval, of chartering such a conference. I also took this occasion to refer to the

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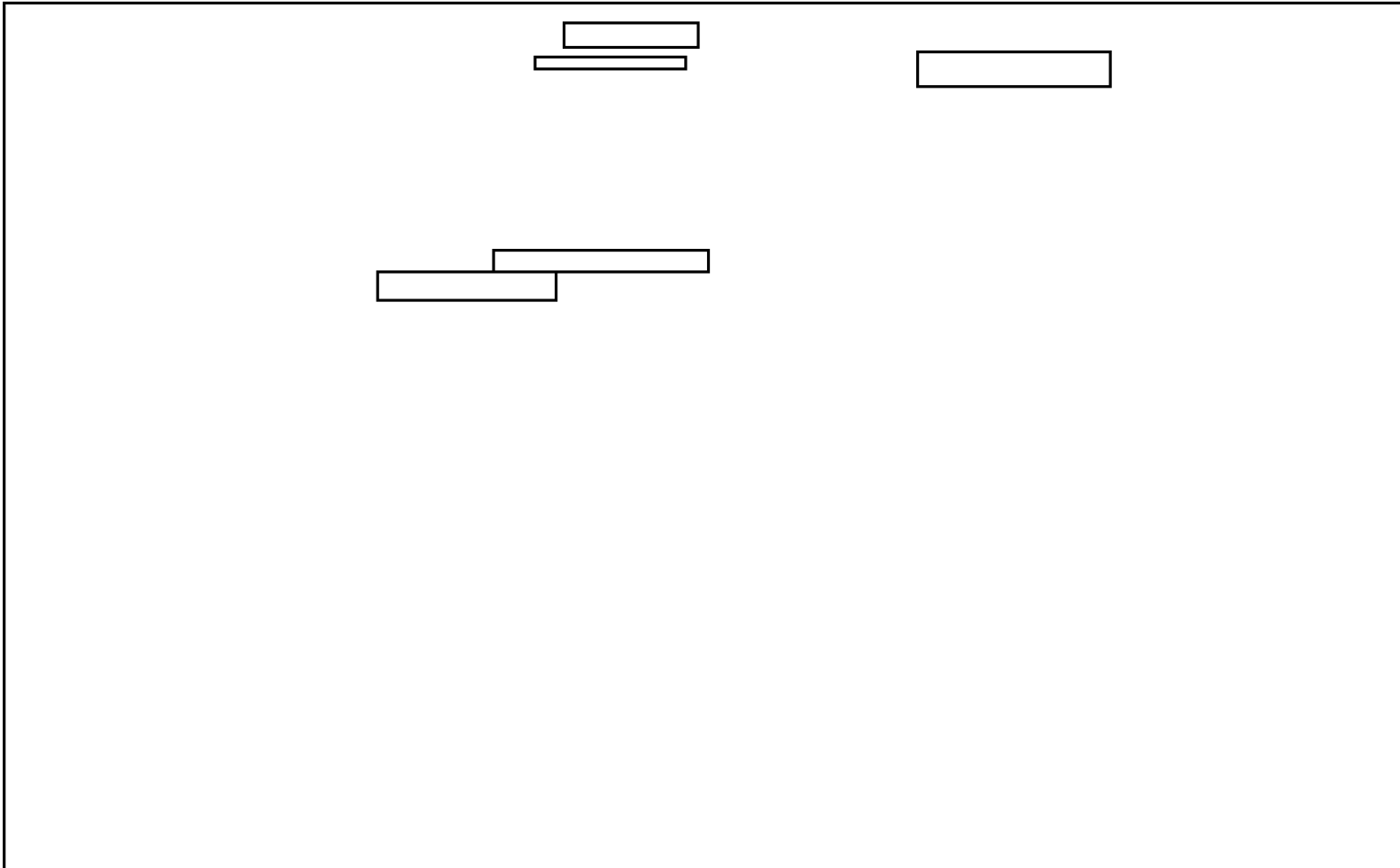
letter which we and the Services had received from Secretary Lovett on the inadequacy of BW intelligence and indicated that some activity of a working conference might well be involved here. [redacted] pointed out that IPC activity was indicated and I concurred. Later discussed with [redacted] a revision of our papers, proposing a reply to Secretary Lovett's letter to the Director.

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6. Passed on to Mr. Dulles, at his request, a column by the Alsops relating to the hydrogen bomb.

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9. Mr. Wisner phoned and indicated that [redacted] may have sent his paper to [redacted] and possibly to the White House. I undertook to check to see whether in fact this had gone on. In addition, I plan to speak to the Director respecting [redacted] and his paper, although

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10. At the request of the DCI, made arrangements for a briefing of Governor Stevenson in Springfield, Illinois, at 2 P.M. on Saturday, August 30th.

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